State of Arizona Senate Forty-fifth Legislature Second Regular Session 2002

CHAPTER 212

SENATE BILL 1051

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-949 AND 16-956, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS ACT.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1, section 1, subsection (6), Constitution of Arizona, section 16-949, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-949. Caps on spending from citizens clean elections fund

- A. The commission shall not spend, on all costs incurred under this article during a particular calendar year, more than five dollars times the number of Arizona resident personal income tax returns filed during the previous calendar year. Tax reductions and tax credits awarded to taxpayers pursuant to section 16-954, subsections A and B shall not be considered costs incurred under this article for purposes of this section. The commission may exceed this limit during a calendar year, provided that it is offset by an equal reduction of the limit during another calendar year during the same four-year period beginning January 1 immediately after a gubernatorial election.
- B. The commission may use up to ten percent of the amount specified in subsection A of this section for reasonable and necessary expenses of administration and enforcement, including the activities specified in section 16-956, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPHS 3 THROUGH 7 AND subsections B, AND C and D. Any portion of the ten percent not used for this purpose shall remain in the fund.
- C. The commission shall apply ten percent of the amount specified in subsection A of this section for reasonable and necessary expenses associated with voter education, including the activities specified in section 16-956, subsection A.
- D. The state treasurer shall administer a citizens clean election fund from which costs incurred under this article shall be paid. The auditor general shall review the monies in, payments into, and expenditures from the fund no less often than every four years.
- Sec. 2. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1, section 1, subsection (6), Constitution of Arizona, section 16-956, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-956. Voter education and enforcement duties

- A. The commission shall:
- 1. Develop, in consultation with the county recorders, a procedure for including, with ballots mailed to electors casting early ballots pursuant to section 16-542, subsection C and with the sample ballots mailed to other electors pursuant to section 16-461, subsection D and section 16-510, subsection C, PUBLISHING a document or section of a document having a space of predefined size for a message chosen by each candidate. The board of supervisors shall present to the commission a certified claim for the actual extra cost of including the messages in such mailings in accordance with the procedure developed, and the commission shall direct payment of the authenticated claims from the fund. FOR THE DOCUMENT THAT IS MAILED BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION, THE DOCUMENT SHALL CONTAIN THE NAMES OF EVERY CANDIDATE

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- (a) FOR ANY CANDIDATE WHO DOES NOT SUBMIT A MESSAGE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DOCUMENT SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE CANDIDATE'S LISTING THE WORDS "NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED".
- (b) THE DOCUMENT SHALL HAVE PRINTED ON ITS COVER THE WORDS "CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION VOTER EDUCATION GUIDE" AND THE WORDS "PRIMARY ELECTION" OR "GENERAL ELECTION" AND THE APPLICABLE YEAR. THE DOCUMENT SHALL ALSO CONTAIN AT OR NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE DOCUMENT COVER IN TYPE THAT IS NO LARGER THAN ONE-HALF THE SIZE OF THE TYPE USED FOR "CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION VOTER EDUCATION GUIDE" THE WORDS "PAID FOR BY THE CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS FUND".
- (c) IN ORDER TO PREVENT VOTER CONFUSION, THE DOCUMENT SHALL BE EASILY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE PUBLICITY PAMPHLET THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE PRODUCED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-123.
- 2. Sponsor debates among candidates, in such manner as determined by the commission. The commission shall require participating candidates to attend and participate in debates and may specify by rule penalties for nonparticipation. The commission shall invite and permit nonparticipating candidates to participate in debates.
 - **B.** The commission shall:
- $rac{1.}{1.}$ 3. Prescribe forms for reports, statements, notices, and other documents required by this article.
- 2. 4. Prepare and publish instructions setting forth methods of bookkeeping and preservation of records to facilitate compliance with this article and explaining the duties of persons and committees under this article.
- 3. 5. Produce a yearly report describing the commission's activities. AND any recommendations for changes of law, administration, or funding amounts, and accounting for monies in the fund.

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- 4. 6. Adopt rules to implement the reporting requirements of section 16-958, subsections D and E.
- 5. 7. Enforce the provisions of this article, ensure that money from the fund is placed in candidate campaign accounts or otherwise spent as specified in this article and not otherwise, monitor reports filed pursuant to this chapter and financial records of candidates as needed to ensure that equalization monies are paid promptly to opposing qualified candidates under section 16-952, and ensure that money required by this article to be paid to the fund is deposited in the fund.
- c. B. The commission may subpoen witnesses, compel their attendance and testimony, administer oaths and affirmations, take evidence, and require by subpoen the production of any books, papers, records, or other items material to the performance of the commission's duties or the exercise of its powers.
- provision of this article and to govern procedures of the commission. Commission rulemaking RULE MAKING is exempt from title 41, CHAPTER 6, article 3, chapter 6, except that the commission shall submit the rules for publication and the secretary of state shall publish the rules in the Arizona administrative register. The commission shall propose and adopt rules in public meetings, with at least sixty days allowed for interested parties to comment after the rules are proposed.
- quadrennial election thereafter, and within six months after such election, the commission may adopt rules changing the number of qualifying contributions required for any office from those listed in section 16-950, subsection D, by no more than twenty percent PER CENT of the number applicable for the preceding election.
 - Sec. 3. Requirements for enactment; three-fourths vote

Pursuant to article IV, part 1, section 1, subsection (6), Constitution of Arizona, this act is effective only on the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature.

Sec. 4. Emergency

This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 15, 2002.

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